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In re Application of:

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MATCHING MULTI-ATTRIBUTE
AUCTION BIDS

Examiner: Sough, Hyung Sub

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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 14, 2001, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The input screen 300 allows the buyer to specify a nominal set of values for the predefined attributes, including a nominal price, in the Nominal Value column. In addition, input screen 300 allows the seller to specify variances to the nominal attribute in the Variances column, if desired. Preferably, the variances are specified relative to the nominal price. The nominal price as well as the